

# GO GREEN HP



## Go Green at Home Checklist

### Primary Themes

- Use less power : conservation and efficiency
- Electrify everything
- Use energy at times of lower demand
- Plan ahead : don't buy in an emergency
- Going green can save you money. Areas for immediate savings are in green.
- Take it beyond your home

### Where to Start

- ComEd Energy Assessment
  - Free bulbs, pipes, faucet, etc.
- Professional Energy Audit
- Use rooftop or community solar for energy
- Look for Energystar efficient appliances

### Home

- Only use efficient LED lighting
- Insulation and air seal. Biggest bang for the buck!
- High performance windows and doors are key. Use draft guards where appropriate.
- Heat pumps for heating, cooling, hot water and drying clothes.
- Ask your plumber or HVAC professional for what options they carry.
- Use ceiling fans, curtains and smart thermostats

### Laundry and Water Heater

- Delayed start, wash cold when possible
- Powder detergent (e.g. Meliora)
- Replace gas with heat pump water heater
- Pipe insulation

### Energy

- Community solar is clean energy that is also less expensive
- Save money and energy with ComEd AC Cycling and Peak Time Savings programs
- Solar panels are ideal if you have a roof in good condition with sun exposure
- Save money and emissions with an Electric Vehicle (EV)

### Kitchen and Bathroom

- Set your dishwasher to delayed start and no heat dry
- Low flow, aerator water fixtures
- Avoid cooking with fossil gas by using a counter top induction burner

### Nutrition

- Eat less meat, more plants and avoid waste and overconsumption
- Source food locally when possible, namely in season
- Recycle and compost

### Yard

- Embrace native plants
- Use an electric mower and yard equipment

### Additional Resources

- GHHP Supplemental Reference Page
- Email Go Green Highland Park at gghpinfo@gmail.com for assistance